



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0326

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.

Joint Application for Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangement

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson
Vice President
Consumer Protection and Industry Performance

November 30, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus) have jointly applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to make a further amendment to the licensed service area of Entegrus such that one remaining load transfer arrangement between the two distributors is eliminated. A load transfer arrangement is a situation in which a customer located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the geographic distributor) is physically served by another distributor (the physical distributor).

The application is granted, as set out in this Decision and Order.

THE PROCESS

This Decision and Order is being issued without a hearing by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

THE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Distribution System Code (DSC) amendments made by the OEB in EB-2015-0006 and in accordance with the OEB's filing guidelines for combined service area amendments and sale of assets, Hydro One and Entegrus (collectively, the Applicants) filed a joint application with the OEB on November 25, 2016 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the OEB Act. The purpose of the application was to eliminate load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The OEB assigned file number EB-2016-0337 to that application and, on February 16, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the proposed service area amendments and sale of assets.

On September 15, 2017, the Applicants filed a letter with the OEB and requested a further amendment to Entegrus' licensed service area, due to the recent identification of a "Residential" load transfer customer, located at 11 Lee Avenue, Tilbury, Ontario (the Customer), that was not included in the EB-2016-0337 application. The Applicants submit that Entegrus is physically providing electricity to the Customer, as the physical distributor.

The Applicants submit that only the Customer is being transferred from Hydro One to Entegrus, as part of this new joint application, and that no additional assets were transferred as a result of this transfer.

FINDINGS

The OEB finds it to be in the public interest to approve the service area amendment proposed by the Applicants in order to eliminate the remaining load transfer arrangement between Hydro One and Entegrus. Entegrus' licence will be amended to reflect the proposed transfer of the Customer. Hydro One's licence is not required to be amended given the manner in which Schedule 1 of Hydro One's licence is presented.

Hydro One and Entegrus are reminded that both distributors shall ensure that all relevant Customer information including, but not limited to, information regarding security deposit and consumption is properly transferred to the physical distributor to allow for the continuous billing of the Customer and the continuous application of Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) rate assistance to the bills of the Customer, if applicable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule 1 of Entegrus Powerlines Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0563 is amended. The amended licence is attached to this Decision and Order.

DATED at Toronto November 30, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance